

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 29, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 29, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1 - 38 are pending in the application and are subject to a restriction requirement.

Claims 1-38 stand restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 1.121 as follows:

I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a system utilizing at least one application for format conversion between two different communication protocols, classified in class 709, subclass 230.

II. Claims 13-20, drawn to a system utilizing at least two applications for format conversion between two different communication protocols, classified in class 709, subclass 230.

III. Claims 21-38, drawn to a method and medium for receiving a request and determining an application to invoke to process different input requests in a common gateway, classified in class 719, subclass 311.

Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Invention I, with traverse of the restriction between Inventions I and II. (Applicants note that claim 12 is not included in any of the groups. It is believed that claim 12 belongs with Invention I.) The Examiner states that:

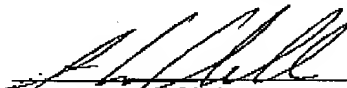
"Inventions I and II or related is so combinations disclosed is usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention II has separately utility such as requiring at least two applications."

A restriction pursuant to MPEP § 806.05(d) requires that the Examiner show, by way of example, that one of the subcombinations has utility other than in the disclosed combination. (Emphasis added.) The Examiner states invention II has separately utility "such as requiring at least two applications." However, the requirement of two applications is an explicit recitation of claim 11 of Invention II and thus not an example

of "separate utility". Accordingly, Applicants submit that the restriction requirement is improper and request withdrawal of the same.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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